

Meeting Minutes
Travel Survey Methods Committee (AEP25)
Transportation Research Board 102nd Annual Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023, 1:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Marriott Marquis, Liberty Salon I – M4, Washington, D.C.

In Attendance

Chair

Zachary Patterson	Concordia University
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Secretary

Kenneth Joh	Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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Members

Jimmy Armoogum	Université Gustave Eiffel
Cemal Ayvalik	RTA - Chicago
Marco Diana	Politecnico di Torino
Jonathan Ehrlich	Met Council – Twin Cities
Bilal Farooq	Toronto Metropolitan University
Rebecca Goldring	Ipsos
Jeff Gonder	National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
Ahsan Habib	Dalhousie University
Miguel Jaller	University of California, Davis
Daniel Jenkins	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Kyeongsu Kim	Resource Systems Group
Tae-Gyu Kim	North Carolina DOT
Anurag Komanduri	Cambridge Systematics
Joann Lynch	Ipsos
Suman Mitra	University of Arkansas
Kouros Mohammadian	University of Illinois, Chicago
Catherine Morency	Polytechnique Montréal
Gregory Newmark	Kansas State University
Susan O'Donnell	NJ Transit
Robert Torongo	Ipsos
Laura Wilson	Westat, Inc.

Friends and Visitors

Fatemeh Abdous	Morgan State University
Kay Axhausen	ETH Zürich
Stacey Bricka	Macrosys
Joseph Broach	Portland State University / Metro (Portland MPO)
Thiago Carvalho	McGill University

Jesse Casas	Westat, Inc.
Mario Cools	University of Liege
Henning Eichler	Metrolink
Mahmudur Fatmi	UBCO
Karen Faussett	Michigan DOT
Mitchell Fisher	Macrosys
Roxani Gkavra	University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna
Fred Gsell	ETC Institute
Ed Hard	Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Shuyao Hong	Maricopa Association of Governments
Charles Jeanbart	Steer
Martin Kagerbauer	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)
Shivam Khaddar	University of British Columbia, Okanagan
Tobias Kuhnimhof	RWTH Aachen University
Jeffrey LaMondia	Auburn University
Catherine Lawson	Portland State University
Michelle Lee	Resource Systems Group
Elaine Murakami	Retired
Clara Reschovsky	BTS/DOT
Abigail Rosenson	Resource Systems Group
Robert Schiffer	FuturePlan Consulting
K. Shankari	National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
Yusak Susilo	University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna
Majbah Uddin	Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)
Krishnan Viswanathan	Cambridge Systematics
Bobin Wang	Laval University
Brandon Whited	Met Council – Twin Cities
Eve Williams	Dikita Enterprises
Michael Williamson	Indiana State University

I. OPENING

A. Introductions

Zachary Patterson welcomed all attendees to the committee meeting.

B. Chair's Remarks – Zachary Patterson, Concordia University

Dr. Patterson made some remarks about the roles of the Travel Survey Methods Committee in TRB. The role of the committee is to provide a forum for exchange and to identify research needs and priorities, stimulate needed research, identify best practices, and facilitate the adopt of research into practice. These roles are fulfilled by subcommittees, which are responsible for planning the annual meeting sessions and

workshops, review papers, organize webinars, and develop research needs statements. In addition, the Committee's roles include developing the strategic plan, committee rotations, and internal communications which are handled by various task forces.

II. SUBCOMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

A. Household Travel Surveys – Jimmy Armoogum, Université Gustave Eiffel & Kenneth Joh, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Dr. Joh provided an update on the Household Travel Surveys Subcommittee activities. He noted that a mid-year meeting was held virtually last summer. He provided an overview of the HTS Subcommittee annual meeting agenda and invited presentations.

B. Freight Surveys – Miguel Jaller, UC Davis

Dr. Jaller provided an update on the Freight Surveys Subcommittee activities. He provided an overview of the Freight Surveys Subcommittee annual meeting agenda and invited presentations.

C. Stated Response - Matthew Beck, University of Sydney & Bilal Farooq, Toronto Metropolitan University

Dr. Farooq provided an update on the Stated Response Subcommittee activities. He provided an overview of the Stated Response Subcommittee annual meeting agenda and invited presentations.

D. Transit Surveys - Gregory Newmark, Kansas State University

Dr. Newmark provided an update on the Transit Surveys Subcommittee activities. He provided an overview of the Transit Surveys Subcommittee annual meeting agenda and invited presentations.

E. ISCTSC – Patrick Bonnel, ENTPE & Catherine Morency, Polytechnique Montréal

Dr. Morency noted that the ISCTSC conference was held in Lisbon, Portugal in March 2022. The ISCTSC committee will be meeting to discuss the next ISCTSC conference.

F. Research Subcommittee – Cemal Ayvalik, RTA (Chicago)

Dr. Ayvalik provided an update on the Research Subcommittee activities. He noted the importance of research needs statements and revising problem statements. There are currently 13 research needs statements which need to be updated. He also noted that the RNS website is currently active. The subcommittee is also considering future webinars.

III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Planning & Analysis Section Update – Bob Hazlett (Group Chair), Martin Palmer (Section Chair) & Claire Randall (TRB)

Mr. Hazlett provided updates on the Planning & Analysis Section. He noted the deadline for webinar submissions. He also noted the role of the Blue Ribbon Committee. He also encouraged cross collaboration between the committees within the Planning & Analysis Section.

Ms. Randall encouraged committee members and friends to update their profiles on mytrb.org. She noted that TRB is increasing the functionality of mytrb.org. She also provided some updates from the Technical Activities Council.

B. Paper Review Results - Jimmy Armoogum, Université Gustave Eiffel

Dr. Armoogum provided an overview of the paper review process and reviewer assignments. He noted that paper reviews are due in mid-September. This year a total of 17 papers were received; out of 85 paper review assignments, 61 reviews were received. Each paper requires at least 3 reviewers. Dr. Patterson noted that there has been a downward trend in paper submissions for the AEP25 Committee and looked at how this trend compared with TRB overall.

C. Triennial Strategic Plan - Zachary Patterson, Concordia University

Dr. Patterson provided an update on the Triennial Strategic Plan (TSP) activities. One challenge he noted in the TSP is the decline in paper submissions. To address this, he asked the chairs of each subcommittee to draft a broad call for papers.

D. Taskforce - Zachary Patterson, Concordia University

Dr. Patterson discussed the activities of a task force to discuss paper submissions and changes to committee and subcommittee structures. There may be some changes to the subcommittee structure later this year. Dr. Patterson also suggested increasing the frequency of committee meetings and introducing initiatives for each subcommittee.

E. Committee Rotation – Zachary Patterson, Concordia University

Dr. Patterson noted that one-third of the Committee will be rotated off every three years. Considerations for which committee members are retained include committee participation and involvement such as paper reviews and other initiatives. He also outlined roles and expectations for AEP25 Committee members such as reviewing three papers per year, attending and participating in quarterly Committee meetings, and contributing to at least one initiative. Dr. Patterson also noted the possibility of having a committee task force coordinator to organize committee processes. He also discussed the process of applying for committee membership.

F. Committee Post COVID Re-invigoration (Discussion)

Dr. Patterson invited committee members and friends to discuss research topic ideas and suggestions for reinvigorating the committee post-COVID. Some topics mentioned include machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) tools for travel surveys and conducting post-pandemic travel surveys. A suggestion mentioned is to issue a joint call for papers with another TRB committee that focuses on these topics and themes, and to develop key words for these call for papers. Another suggestion noted is to update the name of the committee to include data collection and applications in addition to survey methods.

G. Wrap-up & Other Business

Dr. Patterson invited attendees interested in joining the committee to reach out.

H. Close of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.